

Arizona Public Libraries: 2013 in Review



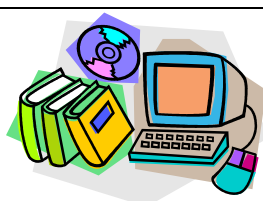
Visits: 27 million

More than 500,000 people visited Arizona's 220 library buildings every week.



Library Cards: 3.3 million

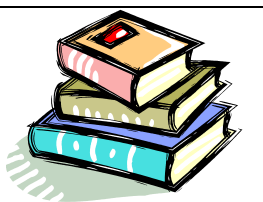
About half of Arizonans have library cards.



Items Borrowed: 47 million

On average, every Arizonan borrowed 7.2 items. Patrons borrowed almost 14 million children's items.

Arizonans downloaded almost 2 million ebooks from their libraries.



Books Available: 8 million

Libraries have 2.8 million children's books, more than a million videos and 700,000 audios.

Libraries are rapidly adding digital collections.



Computer Sessions: 6.3 million

Arizona's libraries have almost 5,500 computers.

Computer usage continues to climb in Arizona's libraries.



Program Attendance: 1.3 million

Libraries hosted more than 61,000 programs.

Children's programs accounted for more than half those, and were attended by 939,000 participants.



Library Staff: 2,063

About 20 percent of the staff – 461 – have a master's in library science.

The number of library staff members has declined in the last year.



Cost: \$26.38 per Arizonan

The total operating budget for Arizona's public and tribal libraries is \$173 million.

Local government pays 93 percent of the cost of operating the libraries.